WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A performance information monitoring method using computers, comprising the steps of:

accepting information on a group relating to a first computer in the first computer;

storing said accepted group information in a storage in the first computer;

accepting performance information from a second computer in the first computer;

comparing performance information of the second computer previously stored in a storage with the performance information received from the second computer in the first computer;

judging whether or not said second computer is included in the information of said group when finding a difference between the performance information in the comparison result; and

transmitting an instruction to the computer included in said group information to change a performance information collection interval according to said judgment result.

2. The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said performance information includes at least one of a storage capacity, a storage used capacity, and a storage free capacity.

3. A screen displaying method using a first computer, comprising the steps of:

displaying a host name of a second computer

and a volume name of a volume managed by said second computer on said first computer on the basis of information acquired from said second computer;

receiving information about a use state of the volume managed by said second computer from said second computer; and

displaying as highlighted the volume name of the volume when the information of the use state of the volume corresponding to said displayed volume name satisfies predetermined conditions.

4. The method as set forth in claim 3, wherein said volume use-state information includes at least one of a volume capacity, a volume used capacity, and a volume free capacity.

5. A program implemented by a computer for displaying performance information on a display screen of a first computer, said program comprising:

a process for displaying a host name of a second computer a volume name of a volume managed by said second computer on the basis of information acquired from the second computer;

a process for receiving information about a use state of the volume managed by said second computer from the second computer;

a process for judging whether or not the information of the use state of the volume corresponding to said displayed volume name satisfies predetermined conditions; and

a process for changing a display of the volume name corresponding to the volume according to said judgment result.

6. The program as set forth in claim 5, wherein said predetermined conditions include any one of a volume used capacity and a volume free capacity.

7. A performance information monitoring method using a computer, wherein said computer detects an occurrence of an input or output to or from a disk and transmits an instruction to change a data collection interval according to a detection result of said input/output occurrence.

8. The method as set forth in claim 7, wherein, at the time of transmitting the instruction to change said data collection interval, said computer judges whether or not the data collection interval is in a predetermined range between upper and lower values of the data collection interval and transmits an instruction to change said data collection interval according to said judgment result.

9. The method as set forth in claim 7, wherein transmission of the instruction to change the data collection interval according to the detection result of said input/output occurrence is made to shorten the data collection interval when an input/output frequency to/from the disk exceeds a prescribed threshold value.

10. A performance information displaying system using a first computer comprising:

means for displaying a host name of a second computer and a volume name of a volume managed by said second computer on the basis of information acquired from the second computer;

means for receiving information about a use state of the volume managed by said second computer; and

means for highlightedly displaying the volume name corresponding to the volume when the information of the use state of the volume corresponding to said displayed volume name satisfies predetermined conditions.